(b) The amount of its dues outstanding for over three months is Rs. 2223 crores as on 31.7.2001. This relates to lakhs of defaulters throughout the country, whose categorywise break-up is given below:

(Figures in crores of Rupees)

Break up of over three months old dues				
State	Central	Defence	Private	Total
165	46	50	1962	2223

(c) Steps taken to recover the outstanding dues include disconnection of the services provided to the defaulters, adjustment of deposits available with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and legal proceedings.

(d) As a result of the actions taken the amount outstanding has been contained at about two percent of the cumulative billing despite over 23% average annual growth in billing over the last four years.

Telephone Exchanges in Assam

1821. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of telephone exchanges functioning presently in each district of Assam alongwith location and capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The information regarding number of telephone exchanges functioning in each district of Assam and details of location and capacity is given at Annexure [*See Appendix 194, Annexure No. 15*]

Faults in Telephone System in Assam

1822. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the telephone exchange-wise ratio of the faults recorded in telephone system in the rural and urban areas in Assam districts; and

(b) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in the rural areas of the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) District-wise telephone exchange-wise ratio of the faults recorded in telephone system in rural and urban areas in Assam is given in statement-I (*See below*).

(b) As on 31.10.2001, 364 electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in the rural areas of Assam State. District-wise details are given in statement-II.

Statement-I

District-wise telephone exchange-wise ratio of the faults recorded in telephone system in rural and urban areas in Assam.

Sl. No.	Name of District	Rural		Urban	
		Name of the exchange	Fault Rate	Name of the exchange	Fault Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Barpeta	(i) Bhella	5.10	(i) Barpeta Road	6.60
		(ii) Patacharkuchi	6.60	(ii) Barpeta Town	6.55
		(iii) Sarupeta	5.20	(iii) Pathsala	6.50
		(iv) Simlabazar	5.10	(iv) Sarthebari	6.62
		(v) Tarabarihat	5.20	(v) Sorbhog	6.50
		(vi) Baghmara	5.30		
		(vii) Howly	6.67		
		(viii) Kalgachia	5.30		
		(ix) Khandakarpara	5.10		
		(x) Mandia	5.10		
		(xi) Nityananda	5.20		
2.	Bongaigaon	(i) Baithamari	5.20	(i) Abhayapuri	6.62
		(ii) Manikpur	5.10	(ii) BGN-Dhaligaon	6.61
				(iii) Bijni	6.69
				(iv) Bangaigaon	6.72
				(v) Jogighopa	6.45
3.	Cachar	(i) Arunachal	0.12	(i) Lakhipur	0.12
		(ii) Bagpur	0.12	(ii) SC-Ambicapatty	0.11
		(iii) Bantarapur	0.12	(iii) SC-Meherpur	0.11

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(iv) Baskandi	0.12	(iv) SC-Sadarghat	Connections transferred to new exchange
		(v) Beharabazar	0.12		
		(vi) Borjatrapur	0.13		
		(vii) Borkhola	0.12		
		(viii) Dalu	0.13	(vi) SC-Sadarghat	0.11
		(ix) Dargakona	0.13	(vi) SC-Sadarghat	0.11
		(x) Dewan	0.12	(vii) SC-Tarapur	0.12
		(xi) Dholaibazar	0.12	(viii) Udarbond	0.15
		(xii) Dwarband Basti	0.12		
		(xiii) Dwarbond	0.13		
		(xiv) Gumrah	0.12		
		(xv) Harinagar	0.12		
		(xvi) Haticherra	0.15		
		(xvii) Hawaithang	0.12		
		(xviii) Jalalpur	0.12		
		(xix) Jarailtala	0.13		
		(xx) Jirighat	0.12		
		(xxi) Kalain	0.12		
		(xxii) Kashipur	0.12		
		(xxiii) Katakhal	0.12		
		(xxiv) Kumbha	0.12		
		(xxv) Motinagar	0.12		
		(xxvi) Nutanbazar	0.12		
		(xxvii) Madhuramukh	0.13		
		(xxviii) Poilapool	0.13		
		(xxix) Polanghat	0.13		
		(xxx) Rajabazar	0.12		
		(xxxi) Rajnagar	0.12		
		(xxxii) Salchapra	0.12		
		(xxxiii) Salganga	0.12		
		(xxxiv) Silcorie	0.13		
		(xxxv) Singerbond	0.13		
		(xxxvi) Sonabari ghat	0.13		
		(xxxvii) Sonaimukh	0.13		

1	2	3		4	5	6
		(xxxviii) Srikona	0.13			
		(xxxix) Swadhinbazar	0.13			
4.	Dhubri	(i) Agomoni	5.20	(i) Bilasipara	6.68	
		(ii) Alamganj	5.20	(ii) Chapar	6.52	
		(iii) Bogribari	5.40	(iii) Dhubri	6.62	
		(iv) Chagolia	5.10	(iv) Gauripur	6.35	
		(v) Halakura	5.50	(v) Golakganj	6.55	
		(vi) Hatsinghimari	5.10	(vi) Mankachar	6.65	
		(vii) Salkocha	5.30	(vii) Sapatgram	6.61	
		(viii) Tamarhat	5.10			
		(ix) Satrasal	5.30			
5.	Dibrugarh	(i) Bamunbari	6.38	(i) Chabua	3.72	
		(ii) Barbarua	5.14	(ii) Dikam	2.05	
		(iii) Dinjan	2.33	(iii) DR-Grahambazar	5.21	
		(iv) Ghoramara	3.20	(iv) DR-JP Nagar	5.42	
		(v) Jokai	2.04	(v) DR-Khaliabari	Connec-	
		(vi) Joypure	5.03		tions	
		(vii) Kathalguri	2.19		transfer-	
		(viii) Khowang	1.63		red to	
					new ex-	
					cahnge	
		(ix) Kutuha	2.00	(vi) DR-Khaliabari	9.71	
		(x) Mohanbari	4.37	(vii) DR-DR-	2.42	
				University		
		(xi) DR-Lahoal	2.79	(viii) Duliajan	7.97	
		(xii) Pithaguti	2.77	(ix) Moranhat	5.75	
		(xiii) Rajgarh	5.86	(x) Naharkatia	4.50	
		(xiv) Sasoni	3.47	(xi) Namrup	5.76	
		(xv) Tengakhat	3.78			
		(xvi) Tingkhong	4.59			
		(xviii) Ushapur	5.26			

1	2	3		4	5	6
6.	Darrang	(i) Awlachuka	4.00	(i) Kharupetia	6.00	
		(ii) Bachimari	3.50	(ii) MLD-Mangaldoi	12.50	
		(iii) Bhootiachang	2.00	(iii) Udalguri	6.00	
		(iv) Bokatpara	3.00	(iv) Tangla	5.00	
		(v) Daligaon	5.00			
		(vi) Deomornaigaon	3.00			
		(vii) Dhula	3.00			
		(viii) Dumnichawki	4.00			
		(ix) Duni	4.00			
		(x) Harisingha	4.00			
		(xi) Kalaigaon	6.00			
		(xii) Khairabari	3.50			
		(xiii) Mazbat	5.00			
		(xiv) MLD-Sipajhar	6.00			
		(xv) Orang	5.00			
		(xvi) Paneri	5.00			
		(xvii) Rowta	2.00			
		(xviii) Sarabari	5.00			
7.	Dhemaji	(i) Boginadi	5.00	(i) Dhemaji	8.00	
		(ii) Bordoloni	3.00			
		(iii) Jonai	5.00			
		(iv) Machkhowa	4.00			
		(v) Moridhal	3.00			
		(vi) Silapathar	6.00			
		(vii) Sisiborgaon (T)	3.00			
8.	Goalpara	(i) Agia	5.10	(i) Goalpara	6.61	
		(ii) Dhupdhara	5.20	(ii) Lakhipura	6.58	
		(iii) Dudhnoi	5.40			
		(iv) Krishnai	5.20			

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(v) Mornoi	5.30		
		(vi) Rangjuli	5.20		
9.	Golaghat	(i) Badulipar	5.40	(i) Bokakhat	4.80
		(ii) Rangajan-I	9.90	(ii) Dergaon	18.80
		(iii) Bokial TE	16.60	(iii) Golaghat	9.40
		(iv) Borjan	6.90		
		(v) Borpathar	31.90		
		(vi) Chinatoli	9.40		
		(vii) Daigurung	11.50		
		(viii) Dhekial	13.50		
		(ix) Diringcharali	4.20		
		(x) Furkating	7.60		
		(xi) Kakodanga	3.50		
		(xii) Kamargaon	7.40		
		(xiii) Kaziranga	6.70		
		(xiv) Khumtai	13.40		
		(xv) Lahing	16.90		
		(xvi) Missamara	6.00		
		(xvii) Murphuloni	30.50		
		(xviii) Naharani	8.00		
		(xix) Naharjan	11.40		
		(xx) Naojan	46.30		
		(xxi) NRL	3.80		
		(xxii) NRL colony	3.40		
		(xxiii) Numaligarh	5.60		
		(xiv) Uriamghat	45.80		
		(xxv) Santipur	39.90		
		(xxvi) Sarupathar	52.30		
10.	Hailakandi	(i) Algapur	0.12	(i) Hailakandi	0.11
		(ii) Janki Bazar	0.12	(ii) Lala	0.11
		(iii) Kalacherra	0.12		
		(iv) Kalinagar	0.12		
		(v) Katlicherra	0.12		
		(vi) Matijuri	0.11		
		(vii) Monacherra	0.12		

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(vii) Monipurbagan	0.12		
		(viii) Monipurbagan	0.12		
		(ix) Tantoo	0.12		
11.	Jorhat	(i) Bahana	15.70	(i) Garmur	34.10
		(ii) Borholla	27.70	(ii) JRT-Chinnamara	4.00
		(iii) Charaibahi	17.20	(iii) JRT-Kenduguri	10.60
		(iv) Chungi	25.60	(v) JRT-Lichubari	9.50
		(v) Daflating	8.10	(v) JRT Molowali	23.90
		(vi) Hatigarh	28.60	(vi) JRT-Pulibor	5.30
		(vii) Jalukani	16.70	(vii) Mariani	9.60
		(viii) Jengraimukh	10.70		
		(ix) Kakojan	21.20		
		(x) Kamalabari	34.30		
		(xi) Konwarpur	3.20		
		(xii) Kujibali	4.90		
		(xiii) NA-Ali-Dhekiajul	20.90		
		(xiv) MRI-Nakachari			
		(xv) Phuloni	24.80		
		(xvi) Shoklating	16.60		
		(xvii) Teok	13.80		
		(xviii) Tilikium	25.50		
		(xix) Titabar	33.50		
		(xx) Rangajan-II	21.20		
		(xxi) Bongaon	4.90		
		(xxii) Gowalgaon	8.40		
			27.20		
12.	Kokrajhar	(i) Basugaon	6.70	(i) Kokrajhar	6.68
		(ii) Bengtol	5.30	(ii) Gossaigaon	6.45
		(iii) Bhowraguri	5.10		
		(iv) Dotma	5.30		
		(v) Fakiragram	5.10		
		(vi) Salakati	5.10		
13.	Karimganj	(i) Anipur	0.12	(i) Badarpur	0.12
		(ii) Bagarsangam	0.12	(ii) KRM-Karimganj	0.12
		(iii) Bazarghat	0.12		
		(iv) Bazarichera	0.12		
		(v) Baraigram	0.12		

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(vi) Chargola	0.12		
		(vii) Dullavcherra	0.12		
		(viii) Fakirabazar	0.12		
		(ix) Kalibaribazar	0.14		
		(x) Kaliganjbazar	0.12		
		(xi) Katamonibazar	0.12		
		(xii) KRM-Bhangabazar	0.12		
		(xiii) Mohisasan			
		(xiv) Nilambazar	0.12		
		(xv) Patharkandi	0.12		
		(xvi) R.K. Nagar	0.12		
		(xvii) Sriguiri	0.12		
14.	Kamrup	(i) Baihata	12.10	(i) GH-Adabari	17.50
		(ii) Bamundi	11.20	(ii) GH-Adabari	17.40
		(iii) Bijoynagar	13.20	(iii) GH-Amingaon	12.00
		(iv) Boko	12.20	(iv) GH-Amingaon	9.00
		(v) Borihat	11.20	(v) GH-Borjhar	10.00
		(vi) Chandrapur	12.20	(vi) GH-Dispur	16.00
		(vii) Chaygaon	13.00	(vii) GH-Dispur	16.60
		(viii) Dadara	11.00	(viii) GH-Kalapahar	9.00
		(ix) GH-Jorabat	13.00	(ix) GH-N. Guwahati	11.00
		(x) Goreswar	12.20	(x) GH-Noonmati	17.50
		(xi) Kamalpur	11.10	(xi) GH-Noonmati	17.20
		(xii) Mirza	12.10	(xii) GH-Panbazar	17.30
		(xiii) Panikheti	12.30	(xiii) GH-Panbazar	17.10
		(xiv) Khetri	13.10	(xiv) GH-Satgaon	14.00
		(xv) Sonapur	12.90	(xv) GH-Silpukuri	11.00
		(xvi) Rani	10.40	(xvi) GH-Ulubari	14.90
		(xvii) Rampur	10.20	(vii) GH-Ulubari	15.20
		(xviii) Bezra	11.20	(viii) GH-Zoo Narangi	7.90
		(xix) Singra	10.50	(xix) GH-Panjabari	8.60
				(xx) GH-Christanbasti	14.90
				(xxi) Hajo	
				(xxii) Rangia	12.10
				(xxiii) Sualkuchi	8.00
					10.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
15.	Karbi Anglong	(i) Baithalangshu	19.30	(i) Bokajan	22.30
		(ii) Bakulia	20.10	(ii) Donkamokan	21.80
		(iii) Balipathar	24.40	(iii) Diphu	9.05
		(iv) Dillai Parbat	21.90	(iv) Hamren	25.80
		(v) Dokmoka	19.70	(v) Howraghat	20.60
		(vi) Khatkhati	16.60		
		(vii) Kheroni	17.90		
		(viii) Manja	14.80		
		(ix) Langhing	12.80		
		(x) Rajadubi	10.80		
		(xi) Rangalu	15.70		
		(xii) Sarihajan	20.60		
		(xiii) Silonijan	31.30		
		(xiv) Tempreng	18.80		
16.	Morigaon	(i) Ahatguri	9.60	(i) Jagiroad	10.28
		(ii) Amlighat	10.40	(ii) Morigaon	7.50
		(iii) Bhuragaon	6.10		
		(iv) Bhurbandha	14.35		
		(v) Charaibahi	19.80		
		(vi) Dharamtul	22.60		
		(vii) Jhaji Bhakatgaon	19.90		
		(viii) Labori ghat	26.40		
		(ix) Moirabari	24.80		
		(x) Nellie	15.10		
17.	Nalbari	(i) Barama	5.30	(i) Nalbari	6.62
		(ii) Belsore	5.20	(ii) Tihu	6.60
		(iii) Borbori	5.20		
		(iv) Chamata	6.58		
		(v) Darranga	5.20		
		(vi) Goghrapar	5.10		
		(vii) Kalag	5.20		
		(viii) Kumrikata	6.30		
		(ix) Marowa	5.30		
		(x) Masalpur	5.10		
		(xi) Mukalmua	5.40		
		(xii) Tamulpur	5.30		
		(xiii) Rampur	5.20		

1	2	3	4	5	6
18.	Lakhimpur	(i) Bangalmara	5.00	(i) Bihupuria	8.00
		(ii) Dhakuakhana	7.00	(ii) N. Lakh-Japisujia	8.00
		(iii) Dikrong	3.00	(iii) N. Lakhimpur	14.00
		(iv) Dhalpur	6.00	(iv) NLP-Khelmati	3.00
		(v) Ghilamara	5.00		
		(vi) Gogamukh	4.00		
		(vii) Harmoti	3.00		
		(viii) Laluk	3.00		
		(ix) Nowboicha	3.00		
		(x) Panigaon	5.00		
		(xi) Subonsiri	1.00		
19.	Nagaon	(i) Ambagan	15.10	(i) Dhing	20.10
		(ii) Barapujia	8.80	(ii) Hojai	7.60
		(iii) Batadrava	17.60	(iii) Lanka	12.60
		(iv) Bebejia	10.70	(iv) Lumding	6.60
		(v) Borkula	21.20	(v) Nagaon	Connec-tions trans-ferred to new exchange
		(vi) Chapanala	16.40		
		(vii) Chaparmukh	26.20		
		(viii) Choudhury bazar	19.80		
		(ix) Dhalpukhuri	11.40	(vi) Nagaon	4.40
		(x) Doomdomia	12.00	(vii) NGG-Hibargaon	12.64
		(xi) Doboka	9.20	(viii) Raha	8.70
		(xii) Jajori	19.40		
		(xiii) Jakhalabandha	10.80		
		(xiv) Jamunamukh	16.60		
		(xv) Jugijan	14.80		
		(xvi) Juria	18.20		
		(xvii) Kachua	7.70		
		(xviii) Kaki	21.60		
		(xix) Korchung	24.20		
		(xx) Kothiatoli	6.60		
		(xxi) Kumurakata	18.40		
		(xxii) Kuthori	19.30		
		(xxiii) Kuwaritol	8.78		
		(xxiv) Kampur	9.20		
		(xxv) Missa	22.20		
		(xxvi) Murajhar	16.30		
		(xxvii) Nilbagan	23.10		

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(xxviii) Nonoi	20.20		
		(xxix) Palashani	17.10		
		(xxx) Parakhowa	11.80		
		(xxxi) Pathori	8.80		
		(xxxii) Udali	7.60		
		(xxxiii) Uriagaon	12.80		
		(xxxiv) Velluguri	15.60		
		(xxxv) NGG-Puranigudan	28.60		
		(xxxvi) Rupahi	19.40		
		(xxxvii) S. Devnagar	12.60		
		(xxxviii) Salona	17.00		
		(xxxix) Samaguri	18.90		
		(xxxx) Silghat	19.70		
		(xxxxi) Tulsimukh	18.50		
		(xxxxii) Karikhana	28.50		
		(xxxxiii) Kaki-I	14.10		
		(xxxxiv) Rajagaon	10.50		
20.	N.C. Hills	(i) Harengajao	0.12	(i) Haflong	0.12
		(ii) Jatinga	0.14	(ii) Maibong	0.12
		(iii) Lungting	0.12		
		(iv) Mahur	0.12		
		(v) Umrangshu	0.12		
21.	Sonitpur	(i) TZ-Balipara	6.00	(i) BCLI-Santipur	12.50
		(ii) Bedeti	5.00	(ii) Dhekiajuli	12.50
		(iii) Bihaguri	5.00	(iii) TZ-M. Charali	6.00
		(iv) Borgong	3.00	(iv) TZ-M. Charali	9.00
		(v) Borsola	4.00	(v) Rangapara	10.50
		(vi) Dhalaibil	5.00	(vi) TZ-Dolabari	9.50
		(vii) Gahigaon	6.00	(vii) TZ-Goraimari	8.00
		(viii) Gohpur	6.00	(viii) TZ-Kacharigaon	13.00
		(ix) Itakhola	4.50	(ix) TZ-Kacharigaon	12.00
		(x) Jinjia	4.00	(x) BCLI-Nilpur	13.00
		(xi) Jamuguri	5.00		
		(xii) Kalabari	5.50		
		(xiii) Missamari	4.00		
		(xiv) Monabag	2.00		
		(xv) Napam	4.00		
		(xvi) Pavoicharali	3.00		

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(xvii) Rangachakua	6.00		
		(xviii) Singri	4.00		
		(xix) Sootia	6.00		
		(xx) Thelamara	5.00		
		(xxi) Sirajuli	2.00		
		(xxii) Hatigarh	4.00		
22.	Sibsagar	(i) Bihubor	20.80	(i) Anguri	4.00
		(ii) Gaurisagar	4.20	(ii) Nazira	12.60
		(iii) Geleki	36.70	(iii) SBS-Sibsagar	5.70
		(iv) Halowating	3.10	(iv) Sonari	23.30
		(v) J. Jamuguri	7.80		
		(vi) Kallugaon	16.90		
		(vii) Khanikargaon	10.90		
		(viii) Khonamukh	2.30		
		(ix) Lakwa	53.00		
		(x) Madhapur	27.70		
		(xi) Maibella	65.50		
		(xii) Mechagarh	9.40		
		(xiii) Namti	17.10		
		(xiv) Nimonigarh	10.80		
		(xv) Nitaipukhuri	9.40		
		(xvi) Nagajanka	39.40		
		(xvii) Sepekhati	44.60		
		(xviii) Sepon	3.70		
		(xix) Sukanpukuri	3.90		
		(xx) Nemuguri	10.30		
		(xxi) SBS-Demow	5.70		
23.	Tinsukia	(i) Borhapjan	4.17	(i) Chapakhowa	4.09
		(ii) Guijan	2.63	(ii) Digboi	8.10
		(iii) Hoogrijan	3.30	(iii) Doomdooma	7.87
		(iv) Jagun	1.84	(iv) TSK-Makum	2.64
		(v) Kakopathar	4.19	(v) Margherita	7.80
		(vi) MGT-LEDO	3.54	(vi) TSK-Tinsukia	4.77
		(vii) Lekhapani	3.07	(vii) TSK-Tinsukia	7.92
		(viii) Nepcokathalgur	3.81		
		(ix) Naholia	3.96		
		(x) Panitola	4.46		
		(xi) Phillobari	6.39		
		(xii) Saikhowaghat	5.49		

1	2	3	4	5	6
		(xiii) Talap	4.77		
		(xiv) Tingribazar	2.96		
		(xv) Pengricharali	3.26		
		(xiv) Lezai	5.00		

Statement-II

District-wise number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in rural areas of Assam State as on 31.10.2001

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of electronic telephone exchanges
1.	Barpeta	11
2.	Bongaigaon	2
3.	Cachar	39
4.	Dhubri	9
5.	Dibrugarh	17
6.	Darrang	18
7.	Dhemaji	7
8.	Goalpara	6
9.	Golaghat	26
10.	Hailakandi	9
11.	Jorhat	22
12.	Kokrajhar	6
13.	Karimganj	17
14.	Kamrup	19
15.	Karbi Anglong	14
16.	Morigaon	10
17.	Nalbari	13
18.	North Lakhim Pur	11
19.	Nagaon	44
20.	N.C. Hills	5

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of electronic telephone exchanges
21.	Sonitpur	22
22.	Sibsagar	21
23.	Tinsukia	16
	TOTAL	364

Sankhya Vahini Project

1823. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the Sankhya Vahini Project to create a high speed internet backbone in the country; and

(b) the progress of laying optical fibre in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Sankhya Vahini Project to create a high speed data network in the country in collaboration with IUNet, a subsidiary of Carnegie Mellon University, USA has been shelved.

(b) Does not arise in case of Sankhya Vahini Project. However, BSNL has plans to lay 1.26 lakh of OF Cable during this financial year & increase the Bandwidth in the country through Sanchar Sagar Phase-I & Phase-II & DWDM Projects. Sanchar Sagar Phase-I is having a Bandwidth (B/W) of 2.5 Gbs & is working in 33 Major Cities. Sanchar Sagar Phase-II is going to be completed in this financial year which will provide 2.5 Gbs B/W to 185 additional cities. DWDM Project will give a B/W of 40 Gbs to all Major Cities of the country by 2003.

Internet facilities in U.P.

†1824. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the cities of Uttar Pradesh where internet facilities have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.